



*Dedication of an  
Official State Historical Marker  
commemorating*

*The Delaware and Hudson  
Gravity Railroad  
(1829-1899)*

Sunday January 3, 1999  
2:00 P.M.

Gravity Park  
Route 6 and Garfield Avenue  
Carbondale, Pennsylvania

Historical Marker Inscription:

## GRAVITY RAILROAD

*Here began one of the first railroads in the Western Hemisphere, built 1828-29. The line had its eastern terminus at Honesdale; its southwestern terminus was later extended to Archbald & ultimately to Valley Junction near Olyphant. Built by the Delaware & Hudson to move coal to the D & H Canal, this line eventually provided passenger service and operated until the beginning of 1899.*

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### Important Dates in the History of the Delaware and Hudson Gravity Railroad

#### October 16, 1828

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's canal is opened from Honesdale to Rondout, NY.

#### August 8, 1829

Pioneer run of the Stourbridge Lion.

#### October 9, 1829

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company's Gravity Railroad from Carbondale to Honesdale was opened, carrying its first shipment of anthracite coal.

#### January 3, 1899

The Gravity Railroad operated for the last time in its entirety as a gravity line.

# **P**ROGRAM

2:00 p.m.

Unveiling and Dedication  
Gravity Park

Welcome ..... S. Robert Powell, President  
Carbondale Historical Society

Unveiling ..... Michael Talerico, Mayor  
City of Carbondale

2:30 p.m

Historical Program and Reception  
Carbondale City Council Chambers

Introduction..... Alan Sweeney, President  
Lackawanna Historical Society

Historical Narrative ..... S. Robert Powell, President  
Carbondale Historical Society

Remarks ..... Robert Durkin, Executive Director  
Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority

George A. Nichols, Commissioner  
PA Historical and Museum Commission

Thomas A Browning, Chief of Staff  
Senator Mellow's Office

Refreshments and Open House  
courtesy of the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Thomas Ridge, Governor

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
Janet S. Klein, Chairman  
Brent D. Glass, Executive Director

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